

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

276. Hon ALISON XAMON to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to investment in cycling infrastructure. Latest research by AECOM has revealed that for every dollar spent on interconnected cycleway infrastructure, the network will generate an economic return of \$3.88.

Hon Simon O'Brien: I cannot hear a word you are saying.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The member might have to slow down a little bit. It is a question without notice.

Hon ALISON XAMON: I beg your pardon, Mr President. I was taking my cue from Hon Norman Moore.

In addition to reducing the number of car trips and traffic congestion, investment in cycling infrastructure delivers real, tangible public health and mental health benefits to the community, as well as generating ongoing capital expenditure and operational expenditure savings. Why is the minister ignoring the potential long-term economic and health benefits of strong investment in cycling infrastructure and refusing to release the Perth bike network review? This is a question on notice of which some notice has been given and the minister should have it in front of him.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

Firstly, I regret to inform the member that I do not have such a question and I have not seen it. Secondly, as I tried to help by interjection, I could not understand a word the member was saying. I do not know whether it is the positioning of her microphone. It is something that perhaps we need to look at. I am sorry that I do not have the question. If it comes in, I will provide an answer.

Hon Alison Xamon: I am sorry that the minister has not received the question. I will have to find out what happened with it because we actually submitted it. My microphone has been an ongoing problem all day.